



# Marine Corps League

Department of Florida



## Saluting 24-01ma

COMMANDANTS DIRECTIVE: SALUTING POLICY WHILE IN MCL UNIFORMS AND UNCOVERED FOR INDOOR SPECIAL EVENTS OF THE DOF MCL.

Ref: (a) MCL Administrative Procedures Enclosure (3) (Uniforms)  
(b) Customs and Traditions of the Marine Corps (Saluting)

1. General Reference provides guidance on the proper procedure during the presentation of the National Colors while in a Marine Corps League uniform at indoor events that do not require the wearing of the MCL Cover, i.e., banquets or Marine Corps birthday balls.
2. MSGID/GENADMIN/CMC WASHINGTON DC CMC//  
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**SALUTING:** *By Custom and Tradition, Marines do not render the hand salute when out of uniform or when in uniform and uncovered. Let there be no confusion; that has not changed. During the playing of the National Anthem or the raising, lowering, or passing of the National flag, Marines will continue to follow Naval Traditions, policy, and procedures. Specifically, Marines not in uniform will face the flag, stand at attention, and place the right hand over the heart. If covered, Marines not in uniform will remove their headgear with the right hand and place their right hand over their heart. When the flag is not present, Marines will act in the same manner while facing in the direction of the music.*

**Guidance for MCL Members of the Department of Florida on saluting in uniform without a cover during the playing of the National Anthem or passing of the National flag.**

**In cases such as indoor ceremonies (Banquets and Marine Corps Birthday Ball), when a Marine Corps League member(s) is in the undressed, casual, or formal uniform(s) and uncovered, they will face the flag or the direction of the music when the flag is not present and stand at attention.**

The following are the Uniforms of the Marine Corps League:

Ref: National Administrative Procedures, Enclosure Three.

1. Cover
2. Undress Uniform:
3. Casual Uniform: (Red blazer)
4. Formal Uniforms

Respectfully,

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By Authority of the Commandant, Department of Florida, Mike Armstrong